A Pilots Bill of Rights will be given to the applicant at time of application and must be completed, signed and returned before a certificate can be issued.

Under 49 U.S.C. § 44703(a), the Administrator issues an Airman Certificate if, after an investigation, the Administrator determines the individual is qualified for and physically able to perform the duties related to the position to be authorized by the certificate. Applications for Airman Certificates, ratings, or inspection authorizations therefore involve FAA investigations of an individual's qualifications to hold the Airman Certificate, rating, or inspection authorization for which the individual has applied. Because such investigations are not for the purpose of determining whether a violation exists, the inspector does not issue an letter of investigation (LOI) and therefore only some of the written notifications under the Pilot's Bill of Rights (PBR) apply. Any individual who applies for an Airman Certificate, rating, or inspection authorization must receive the required written notification of investigation. Documentation of the applicant's receipt of the required written notifications at the time of the application must be retained with the individual's application. The inspector (or designated examiner) conducting the examination must complete the examiner's portion.